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SANTA IS A BIG HIT IN INGLEWOOD

There was plenty of fun in Inglewood Sunday night as the Village of Inglewood Association (VIA) hosted Jinglewood. The festivities included hay rides through the hamlet, with Santa Claus leading in the singing of songs of the season. Turn to page A3 for more on Jinglewood.

Photo by Bill Rea

Last week's snow storm worse than expected

By Bill Rea

The snowfall last week was expected, but things were a lot heavier than had been anticipated.

But Caledon's Director of Public Works David Loveridge maintains things in town were handled as well as possible.

Loveridge offered a report to Town councillors Tuesday, calling it a "perfect storm," if it was aimed at catching the area off guard.

He said the forecasts that had been issued all day last Wednesday (Dec. 10) had called to four to eight centimetres, and the projections that fall would come between 3 a.m. and noon Thursday. Crews tried to get a jump on things by presalting and prewetting roads, starting at about 11 p.m. Wednesday.

By 5 a.m. Thursday, he said it was a case of "all hands on deck," with 22 operators and mechanics who were qualified to operate the equipment. As well, the Town had private contractors lines up to offer support.

"We figured we had it covered," he said, pointing out the Town had it 26 pieces of equipment on the road from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. They included 22 plows and four graders and front-end loaders.

A big problem he said they encountered was with the length of the storm, which went a lot longer than had been anticipated. And according to Provincial regulations, crews can only be on the job for a maximum of 12 hours.

That has to be followed by 12 hours of rest. He added he could

have declared an emergency and had crews work another two hours, but that would have been the maximum, and would have had to be followed by 12 hours off.

"In this case, it wouldn't have helped much," he remarked.

Progress of the storm unexpectedly stalled, and "we became sort of the polar express," Loveridge said.

By 5 p.m., he had to get the crews off the roads,

and there were no resources, apart from the contractors, until the 11 p.m. shift came on.

Loveridge also told councilors that they gave priority to the main roads, meaning they had to be cleared before cul-de-sacs in subdivisions.

Some roads were addressed, but he pointed out that snow

was falling at a rate of about 1.5 centimetres per hour, meaning after just a few hours, there would have been little sign that any plow had been through.

Loveridge said he was able to get his crews back by 5 a.m. Friday, and things were under control by the middle of the afternoon.

Dealing with such situations is governed by the Province, through Minimum Maintenance Standards (MMS). Loveridge said the Town met the MMS requirements, but agreed it might not have lived up to the demands or expectations of many Caledon residents.

"I think the public works crews did an amazing job over those three days," he said, adding that according to the industry average, the Town should have 38 operators for the number of kilometres it's responsible for.

He also said they learned from the experience, adding there are plans to change the deployment of equipment for the next storm. He said there were only four pieces of equipment operating in Bolton, when there should have been eight.

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Quote of the week

"You don't have to die here to come back here."

Paul Palmisano, a paranormal investigator with The Searcher Group, discussing reasons why ghosts may be around the Old Caledon Township Hall.



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Research group checking Townhall theatre for ghosts

By Bill Rea

It looks like there might be some ghosts haunting the old Caledon Townhall.

The former municipal building, now the theatre for the Caledon Townhall Players, hosted a group of paranormal researchers from The Searchers Group Saturday, and they left the very strong impression that there are presences that might not be normally accounted for.

Medium Joanna Buonopane explored the building and reported picking up four spirits.

She said one met her before she even entered the building. He appeared to be a groundskeeper, whose name might have been David. He was wearing a red-dish jacket and cap, had a shovel in his hand, was a smoker and possibly a drinker too. She said he appeared to be "a bit rough."

She said she asked David why he was there. "He said this is all he knows," she commented.

Subsequently learning that the building had been a townhall and courthouse, she said it made sense that groundskeepers would have been employed.

Buonopane said she encountered another spirit named Henry, and added she had the impression he comes in the theatre and stays in one spot.

"I can't place a look or a face or a date on that one," she commented.

One the theatre's stage, she said she encountered Rhonda, a female with long, curly-brown hair, who dates from the 1970s or '80s.

"Rhonda's hiding there," she said. "She's a nervous wreck."

The fourth spirit was in the upstairs

area at the far end of the theatre from the stage. Buonopane said his name is Bob.

"I feel he's here because of Rhonda, but he's in denial," she said.

Buonopane said that while she encountered the four, she said there could be more. She added there was nothing ominous or frightening in any of these spirits she encountered.

She not the only one who has reported encountering such entities in the theatre.

Jeannette Massicotte, who handles advertising and publicity for the company, said there have been times when she's had feelings something was going on, but she's never seen anything. She likened the experiences to just having a feeling there's someone there, when there wasn't.

"I don't think it's bad," she said. "Maybe a bit of a curiosity. It's never been a bad feeling."

Janet Clattenburg, who used to be a member, said she's had stronger experiences during a time when she was stage managing a production a couple of years ago.

"It was constant, like constant, constant, constant, from the minute I arrived until the minute I left," she declared.

Her duties at the time required her to be at the theatre from 5 p.m. to midnight three nights per week, depending on scheduling.

One of the spirits she encountered was a female who seemed dressed in Victorian-type clothes.

"She was extremely aggressive towards me, and I don't know why," she said, adding the spirit would throw props around, turn lights back on when she was trying to lock up for the night. Clattenburg

also said this spirit seemed to have an affinity to metal. If something metal were left on the stage, it would be moved around, she said.

"She was very mischievous," Clattenburg recalled. "It was like she wanted attention."

"I saw her," she added, "but she wouldn't talk to me."

She recalled she had "kind of a misty black kind of form, wearing what appeared to be a shawl." "I would never see her face clearly," she said, but added her hand once materialized fully in front of her, and it appeared to be old and wrinkled.

"I was never frightened," she added. "It was sort of like she was calling out for attention."

Another spirit Clattenburg said she encountered was an old man who appeared once or twice at the back of the theatre. It looked like he was watching the rehearsals. He was dressed in a Victorian-style three-piece suit.

"He was just happy to watch the play," Clattenburg said.

As well, Clattenburg said she twice saw what appeared to be an energetic little girl. "She was just hopping and skipping up the isle," she said.

She also said there were times when she would see these spirits with other people around, but none of them saw anything. She suggested they might not be as sensitive as her. She said she's been having experiences like this since she was about three years old. She also said there were times when she saw something while other people were around, and she kept that experience to herself.

There is a room on the south side of the theatre on Highway 10 that was part of an addition some years ago, and she said she never felt the spirits in there. "I always found this area as a safe area," she said.

Peter Roe, a paranormal investigator with The Searcher Group, explained some his colleagues set up surveillance cameras at a couple of spots in the theatre, including on stage and in a ground floor reception area, before Buonopane entered. He also said they made sure she knew as little about the building as possible before going in. That also meant there was no idea what she was going to find. "That's part of the beauty of it," he commented.

Richard Palmsano, director of The Searcher Group, said the cameras would provide audio and visual surveillance, with the microphones set at 15 hertz (Hz),

which he said is lower than what most people can hear.

According to material supplied by Massicotte, the hall was built in 1875, and served as a courthouse and township hall until 1963. It was also used at times as a library, social centre and public meeting space.

Paul Palmsano, another paranormal investigator with The Searcher Group (Richard's brother), pointed out that since the building would have been open to the public for a variety of uses, many people would have been attracted for various reasons, and some may still be staying around.

"You don't have to die here to come back here," he remarked, adding some ghosts can follow people home.

Addressing some of Clattenburg's experiences, he said some don't want attention, and don't even want people around.

Buonopane said spirits can be attracted to a place which they loved, although she said not all of the attractions are positive. Tragedies could be involved too. She said most cemeteries are haunted by the spirits of grieving mothers.

She added that she believes people who were happy or satisfied with their lives are able to find their own reality. It's the ones who might not have been as happy who are encountered.

"They have a story to tell or something to hide," she said.

And some spirits could have been transported to the site.

Richard Palmsano observed the seats in the theatre look like they date back to the 1930s, having been transported from elsewhere.

"You don't know if you brought somebody with those chairs," he remarked.

It's still early to draw any conclusions.

"We're still analyzing everything," he remarked the following day, although he did recount one interesting experience just as they were getting ready to leave Saturday.

"Quite clearly, we heard a female, disembodied voice say, 'Hey!'" he said, adding it was recorded.

He said they initiated the contact with the players, adding they have been looking at old townhalls all over Ontario, really getting interested when they hear about some activity. They have checked out some townhalls and found nothing, adding they never know what they're going to come up with.

"It's like fishing."

Tilson congratulates local war vet

Dufferin-Caledon MP David Tilson congratulated riding resident and Second World War veteran Fred Heber on receiving the French Legion of Honour.

"Mr. Speaker, recently I had the privilege of being present at the Orangeville Legion for the awarding of the French Legion of Honour to a distinguished World War II Veteran in my riding, Mr. Fred Heber," Tilson stated last week in the House of Commons, adding Heber was a gunner with the Royal Canadian Artillery from 1941 to 1946. He served in some of the most ferocious fighting of the war.

The Legion of Honour is France's highest honour, dating to the time of Napoleon,

Tilson observed.

"More than ever, we owe it to our veterans, and especially those who gave their lives for Canada, to honour and remember their service and sacrifice," he said in the House. "This honour is a fitting tribute to Mr. Heber from France for his role in liberating that country."

"This year, as we mark the 100th anniversary of the start of World War I, the 75th anniversary of the start of World War II and the 70th anniversary of D-day, it is to Canadians like Mr. Heber that we must pay tribute," he added. "His service, dedication and sacrifice will never be forgotten."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A directory of what's happening in our community

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact Bill Rea at the Caledon Citizen at (905) 857-6626 or 1-888-557-6626 if you wish to have an announcement published.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email info@boltonbanter.org or visit www.boltonbanter.org

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19

Caledon Seniors' Council hosts a drop-in centre every Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church in Caledon East. All seniors are welcome for a social and recreational get-together. A hearty lunch is served at noon for a minimal fee. Come and enjoy friendly card games of euchre and bridge. For more details call 905-584-0591.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Navy League Caledon Branch Pancake Social from 9 to 11 a.m. at Bolton United Church downstairs hall at 8 Nancy St. Proceeds go to support the Bolton Sea Cadets.

Bolton United Church members and the Bolton Community Adventist Group cordially invite you to a Christmas celebration at 6 p.m., where we will be celebrating the theme "Keeping Christ in Christmas" with music, carols and friends. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

Christmas Evening with a Celtic flair at St. Andrew's Stone Church, 17621 St. Andrews Rd., at 7 p.m. Featuring carols lead by Rodney Yantz on the pump organ, Joe Thompson on the bagpipes and soloists Dave and Liz Ward. Followed by socializing and hot apple cider.

Christ Church in Bolton will be holding a Blue Christmas Service, starting at 7:30 p.m. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the season in a different way, with quiet reflection. The Church is at 22 Nancy St. in Bolton.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

The Humberview Huskies Wales Rugby Team will be coming around to collect your empty wine, liquor and beer bottles and cans. Contributions can be left on the front porch or at the curb for collection. The drop-off location opens at 8 a.m. at the Bolton Fairgrounds. To arrange for a pickup in Palgrave or Caledon East, contact Nicole French at 416-433-3760 or lilynicole14@hotmail.com

Garage Sale of contents of hall and kitchen at Palgrave Orange Hall, 32 Birch Ave., starting at 10 a.m.



Medium Joanna Buonopane and James McCulloch, a paranormal investigator with The Searcher Group, were exploring the stage at the Caledon Townhall Saturday.

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Man arrested for assault

A 30-year-old Brampton resident is facing an assault charge after a Dec. 1 incident in Caledon village.

Caledon OPP reports a man had gone to a Hayleyvale Road address to collect money for completed work. the owner of the property apparently grabbed him by his sweater and struck him in the face, causing a large scar.

The victim did not require medical attention.

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Godly Play coming to Caledon East United

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This Montessori-style program is based upon the recognition that children have an innate sense of the presence of God, providing them with a language to help them identify and express their spirituality.

The Godly Play approach uses story, play, ritual and creativity to enhance the child's authentic experience of God, con-

tributing to the spiritual life of the child and assisting the child in making meaning in the world.

Four teachers have now been trained and certified by Godly Play Canada to facilitate this program, which will take place during the church service Sunday mornings from 10 to 11 a.m., starting in January.

For more information, or to register, contact the church office at 905-584-9974.



Jinglewood brings out the celebration

There was a large crowd out Sunday night at the Stationlands in Inglewood for Jinglewood, a celebration put on by the Village of Inglewood Association (VIA). Santa Claus was a popular person with everyone at Jinglewood. He was making his way through the crowds with candy canes for young and old, including Olivia Moco, 4.

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Mayor Allan Thompson was assisted by VIA President Kate Vaughan in lighting the Christmas tree.



The wagon was full for the rides with Santa through the community.

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Festive RIDE gets two drinking-driving charges last week

Caledon OPP conducted 30 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) spot checks last week as part of its holiday season campaign.

These spot checks, set up at various places around town, resulted in two charges being laid for drinking and driving offences.

The first incident was Dec. 8 at about 12:15 p.m. in the area of Regional Road 50 and Queensgate Boulevard in Bolton. The officers spoke to a female driver and determined that she was under the influence of alcohol. They demanded she produce a sample of her breath into a roadside screening device, and she registered a fail and was transported to Detachment. The 51-year-old woman from Caledon was charged with driving with more than the legal limit of alcohol in her system.

Early the following morning, they

charged another driver. This spot check was in the area of Kennedy Road and Abbotts Way Lane in Southfields Village shortly after 1 a.m. Officers noticed a driver hesitated entering the spot check area by allowing other vehicles to go ahead. Once the area was clear, the officers observed as the driver made a U-turn to avoid the spot check. They went after the vehicle and got it to stop. Upon speaking with the driver, the officers determined he was displaying signs of impairment. The man was arrested and transported to detachment for testing. Once there, he refused to provide a sample of his breath. The 43-year-old man from Etobicoke was arrested and charged with impaired operation of a motor vehicle and failing to provide a breath sample.

Additionally, last week's spot checks saw 20 drivers take breath tests a pass them.

One driver was handed a three-day licence suspension.

Police remind motorists that drinking and driving is a deadly combination. One drink can reduce one's ability to concentrate and react to things that happen sud-

denly while driving. The more alcohol in a person's blood, the more difficulty they have judging distances and reacting to sudden hazards on the road. To make matters even worse, their vision may become blurred.

Police seeking volunteers for Restorative Justice program

Caledon OPP are seeking people who are interested in making a difference in their community through the Caledon Restorative Justice program.

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The Caledon RJ program is a fascinating alternative to the traditional court process. It's powerful and very effective.

Current members of the program are recruiting community members who are interested in alternative dispute resolution and a two-day training program that will allow this program to grow.

The requirements for those who are interested is they must be 18 year of age or older, meet security criteria and have a keen interest in facilitating RJ confer-

ences.

There will be a mandatory information and interview session Jan. 13 at the Caledon OPP Detachment. Contact acting Sergeant Brenda Evans at 905-584-2241 for details and to reserve a spot.

Two-day RJ training will take place March 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Caledon Estates Banquet Hall at 18111 Regional Road 50 (east side of 50 just south of Highway 9). The course content will include an introduction to restorative justice, history, philosophy, benefits, confidentiality, group conferencing, family dynamics and follow up.

Police believe a strong Restorative Justice program plays a critical role in the safety and security of a successful community.

Contact Evans for more information.



CAR SEAT CLINIC

Caledon OPP Auxiliary officers recently held the latest of their child car seat clinics. Aux. Constable Trevor Pirri of York Regional Police was on hand helping at the clinic, which was held at the fire hall in Bolton.

Photo by Bill Rea

Stunt driving charge laid near Tullamore

An 18-year-old Caledon man was charged Dec. 2 after Caledon OPP spotted

a car speeding along Mayfield Road. Police said an officer was on Mayfield, west of Airport Road shortly after 2 a.m. and spotted a grey Chevy travelling at what was determined to be 165 km-h in a posted 60 zone.

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11:45 am at St. John's Church

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day

8:30 am at St. Cornelius Church

8:30 am at St. John's Church

10:15 am at St. John's Church

11:45 am at St. John's Church

Dec. 31st

5 pm at St. John's Church

Jan. 1st - Mary, Mother of God

8:30 am at St. Cornelius Church

8:30 am at St. John's Church

10:15 am at St. John's Church

11:45 am at St. John's Church

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Trustee Frank Di Cosola is vice-chair of the Dufferin-Peel board

The Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board recently re-elected Mississauga Trustee Mario Pascucci as chair for the coming year.

And Frank Di Cosola, trustee for Caledon and Dufferin County, was elected vice-chair.

This took place at the board's inaugural meeting Dec. 2.

Di Cosola was handily re-elected to his trustee's post in October, taking 2,813 of the votes cast (good for 51.7 per cent), to 1,913 votes for Krystina De Rose, a legisla-

tive assistant at Queen's Park, (35.16 per cent) and 715 for Tony Meglio, a skilled tradesman and union representative with the Toronto Transit Commission (13.14 per cent).

During his 31 years as a trustee, Pascucci has served in various leadership capacities, including four previous terms as chair of the board. He has also served as chair of the Board's Administration and Finance, Audit, and Faith and Program Committees.

Di Cosola has also served in various

leadership capacities, including chair and vice-chair of various committees, including the Administration and Finance, Faith and Program, and Audit Committees.

"I am gratified to have the opportunity to continue in the role of chair," Pascucci said. "The trustees of this board have a long history of being strong advocates for Catholic education and, as we embark on a new term, I can say without reservation that we will be steadfast and resolute in always striving to live up to the high stan-

dard set by those who have gone before us."

The meeting opened with the annual address to the board by Director of Education John Kostoff.

He recognized and thanked system partners, including employee groups, trustees and staff at all levels for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education. Kostoff outlined a successful year for the board, recounting a list of achievements and accomplishments.

"We have a well-founded reputation for success that is built on a track record of what we have accomplished, not what we may do, or hope to do," Kostoff said.

"There are many examples we can point to, including the continuously upward trending levels of student achievement, our system review that confirmed a high level of parent satisfaction with our schools and the Catholic nature of our schools and seven consecutive years of balanced budgets, with ongoing reinvestments into the system to benefit students."

"This is directly related to the strong vision of our board, our commitment to students and families, and the cohesive, focused work of trustees and staff at all levels," he added.

McClure urged residents to be patient during storm

From page A1

A couple of councillors observed that redeployment will mean equipment will have to be removed from some other area of town.

"I don't think we expected the storm that we had," Councillor Annette Groves commented, adding the experience gave the Town the chance to see what it got right and what needs to be improved.

She also wondered if there could be some kind of arrangement with the local school boards and Caledon Community Services (CCS) to get students in need of their volunteer hours to help knock down snow banks and windrows (banks of snow left by plows that block driveways).

Loveridge told her windrows are a problem all over. He said it might be possible to set up a program to deal with them for seniors, although he said it might be expensive. He was also concerned about bringing in volunteer labour, considering liability and training issues, but he didn't rule out the possibility of something being set up through CCS.

Councillor Nick deBoer said he got a lot of calls from people complaining about delays in getting roads in estate areas like Cedar Mills plowed.

Councillor Johanna Downey said she didn't get many calls, but was concerned that people got tickets when they parked on the roads because their driveways were blocked.

Loveridge said that's an issue across town, with residents interfering with snow removal. He said it's a team sport, and all have to work together. He also pointed out that if a car is parked on the street, the plow has to go around it, and that creates another windrow.

Councillor Gord McClure said he received few complaints, and when residents called him, he assured them the crews were doing their best and to be patient.

Councillor Jennifer Innis said she got a number of complaints from Mono Mills, with some people saying it took 24 hours to get their streets plowed. Loveridge said he'd follow up on that. He didn't agree with the 24-hour figure, but observed that if someone had to wait a long time to get out, it might seem like 24 hours.

Councillor Rob Mezzapelli commented that the town might have to look at enhanced service, although it will be expensive. "There's no cost to having the conversation," he said, pointing out the population is aging.



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Snow clearing equipment and crews put in very long hours because of the length of last week's storm.

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Annual Christmas Craft Show at Caledon East PS



The halls and rooms were packed recently for the 23rd annual Craft and Gift Show, put on by the Caledon East Community School Association. Classes at the school contributed to the creation of these gift baskets, which were raffled off. Elise Noack, 9, is seen here with parent volunteers Sandra Peche and Tina Noack.



Santa Claus was major attraction. Mary Smercina brought 18-month-old Andrew and five-year-old Ethan to see him.

Photos by Bill Rea

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Young entrepreneurs Denele Barron, Sydney Rayner and Jocelyn Rayner were doing brisk sales at their Little Miss Cupcakes booth.

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Holiday Waste Collection Schedule

WASTE COLLECTION

Waste normally collected in Caledon on **December 25** will be collected one day later on **December 26** and waste normally collected in Caledon on **December 26** will be collected one day later on **Saturday, December 27**.

Waste normally collected in Caledon on **January 1** will be collected one day later on **January 2, 2015**.

DECEMBER 2014 / JANUARY 2015						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
21	22	23	24	25 NO COLLECTION	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 NO COLLECTION	2	3

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES (CRCs)

All CRCs will be **closed** Thursday, Dec. 25, Friday, Dec. 26 and Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015.



Proper Winter Set-Out Tips

Residents can take a few simple steps to help reduce litter in their neighbourhood and make winter waste collection safer and more efficient.

- Clear driveways of snow and ensure the waste collector has a clear view of and easy access to the waste and recyclable set out curbside for collection.
- For safety reasons garbage receptacles and recycling boxes should not be buried in snowbanks or placed on top of snowbanks.
- Reduce windblown litter by putting recycling boxes and garbage out for collection on the morning of collection day by 7 a.m.
- Bag excess recycling – that won't comfortably fit in the blue box – in a clear or tinted blue recycling bag.

CURBSIDE WASTE COLLECTION EXEMPTION PERIOD

For a two-week period, **Dec. 29, 2014 – Jan. 9, 2015**, residents may place unlimited amounts of excess acceptable waste at the curb on their scheduled collection day. No garbage tags will be required for this period only.

Visit wheredoesitgo.ca for more information on what is acceptable waste.

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two bag standard



Christmas Tree Collection

Residents are advised that **Christmas tree collection begins Monday, Jan. 12, 2015** for one week only on residents' regular collection day. When placing Christmas trees at the curb on their regularly scheduled collection day, residents must:

- Remove the tree stand and all tinsel
- Ensure all ornaments have been taken off the tree
- Remove any plastic bag or wrapping

Trees decorated with artificial snow foam ("flocked" trees) will also be collected. You don't need to remove the foam. Keep Christmas trees away from snowbanks. Trees buried in snowbanks will not be picked up. Residents may also drop off their Christmas trees at any of the six Community Recycling Centres in Peel.



Christmas trees buried in snow banks will **not** be picked up

Tangled Up in Blue?

Here are a few tips for you.

To reduce waste over the holidays, consider wrapping presents in cloth bags, newspaper comic pages, colourful blankets or tea towels. Keep ribbons and bows for re-use. Most printed wrapping papers and packaging tissue paper are recyclable and can be placed in your blue box or recycling bags for collection.



The following wrapping paper and decorations are

NOT RECYCLABLE:

- Shiny metallic coated papers
- Plastic laminated papers
- Ribbons, bows, beads, string or garland/tinsel
- Paper with lots of tape on it

Place these items in your garbage or keep them for re-use next year.

Town News

CALEDON WinterFest CELEBRATION

Mayor Allan Thompson invites you to the 11th annual Winterfest celebration

Sunday, January 4, 2015

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Mayfield Recreation Complex

12087 Bramalea Road

Caledon East

Please join us as we celebrate the season with an afternoon of fun for all ages, including: free skating, free swimming, live entertainment and complimentary refreshments.

Budget 2015

2015 Budget Schedule

January 13, 2015 **Town Hall Budget Presentation**

9:30 a.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers

January 21, 2015 **Special Council Meeting – Budget Public Consultation**

7:00 p.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers

February 2 & 3, 2015 **Council Budget Meetings – Departmental Presentations**

3:00 p.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers

February 24, 2015 **Council Budget Meeting – Finalization and Approval (Including the New Fees By-Law)**

1:00 p.m. – Town Hall Council Chambers

Summer Employment Opportunities for Students

Come spend summer 2015 with the Town of Caledon! Summer student applications are being accepted December 15, 2014 to February 15, 2015. Apply now by visiting caledon.ca/jobs

12 Tips to Help Keep Your Family Safe this Holiday Season

1. Water fresh Christmas trees daily.
2. Check all garland lights before decorating.
3. Make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home.
4. Protect your family with carbon monoxide alarms; it's the law in Ontario.
5. Make sure everyone knows how to get out safely if there's a fire. Develop a home escape plan.
6. Use extension cords wisely.
7. Give space heaters space.
8. Go flameless, avoid using real candles.
9. Keep matches and lighters out of the sight and reach of children.
10. Watch what you heat. Unattended cooking is the number one cause of home fires.
11. Encourage smokers to smoke outside.
12. There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab home.



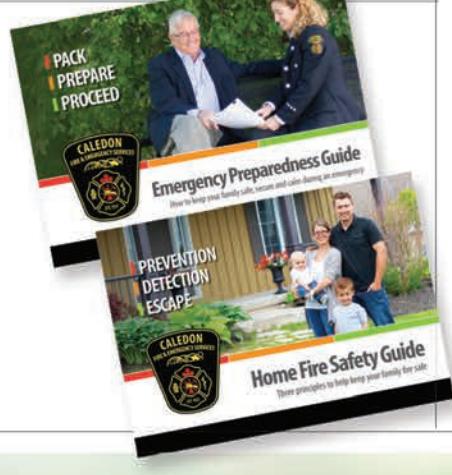
Connect with the Community!



Don't forget to use Caledon's online calendar to share community information. It's a great way to keep everyone in-the-know about upcoming events, and it's FREE! Check it out at caledon.ca/calendar

Be Safe, Be Prepared

Watch for your Home Fire Safety Guide and your Emergency Preparedness Guide in the mail, two important resources for all residents from Caledon Fire & Emergency Services.



Town of Caledon Holiday Closures

December 24

Caledon Community Complex and the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness will close at noon. All other recreation facilities will be closed. All library facilities are closed. Town Hall, Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters will close at 1 p.m.

December 25/26

All facilities are closed.

December 31

Caledon Community Complex and the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness will close at noon. All other recreation facilities will be closed. All library facilities are closed. Town Hall, Fire and Emergency Services Headquarters are closed.

January 1

All facilities are closed.

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Arts & Entertainment



Explore and create this holiday season at PAMA

Looking for some local, affordable and fun family activities this holiday season?

Warm up, explore the exhibitions at Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archive (PAMA) and create a piece of art to take home. There's no need to register — just show up and join in.

PAMA will be closed Dec. 25, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1. Regular hours apply for all other dates in December and early Jan-

uary. Visit pama.peelregion.ca for more information on exhibitions, programs and holiday hours.

Here are the top reasons to choose PAMA this holiday season: Have a great family outing without the hassle of going to downtown Toronto; save some money — bring your family for only \$10 (up to two adults and up to five children or students); create keepsakes at one of

the family hands-on activities; and learn about your community alongside your children.

Holiday drop-in activities at PAMA

- Buckle up: Construct your own belt buckle — Dec. 20 and 21 from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Create with clay: Make a snowy owl clay sculpture — Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Puppet masters: Design a paper marionette — Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Become a superhero: Craft your own comic book — Dec. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Yarn it: Build a fantastic yarn tapestry — Dec. 27 and 28 from 1 to 5 p.m.
- Spy kids: Don't miss the museum scavenger hunt — Dec. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Wild weaving: Learn to weave and create your own wall hanging — Dec. 30 from

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• Happy New Year: Construct your own PAMA party hat — Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On now at PAMA

Visit some of the fascinating temporary exhibitions, such as Waist Management — A History of Unmentionables on loan from the Fashion History Museum; and Peel Collects: Dolls from around the world. Also don't miss the permanent exhibitions: Behind Bars — The Story of the Peel County Jail, Welcome to Peel — A Celebration of our People and our Stories and Face of the Farmer, along with many more.

PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. East in Brampton, right across the street from Gage Park. Visit pama.peelregion.ca or call 905-791-4055 to learn more.



FRASER AND GIRARD PERFORM AT CLAUDE

The Parlour Concert series at Claude Church on Highway 10 continued recently with a performance by Fraser and Girard, consisting of Allan Fraser and Marianne Girard of Orangeville. They had a good crowd out for their offering of guitar folk music.

Photo by Bill Rea



CONCERT BAND CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

The Caledon Concert Band, under the direction of Rob Kinnear, were joined by choirs from James Bolton Public School, under the direction of Gillian Swanson, to put on Christmas in the Hills Saturday. Erin Grey had an attentive crowd as she provided the narration of the band's performance of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas.

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ANNIE (PG) (MATURE THEME) FRI 6:45, 9:30; SAT, TUE 12:20, 3:30, 6:45, 9:30; WED 12:20, 3:30; THURS 6:40, 9:20
HORRIBLE BOSSSES 2 (18A) (SEXUAL CONTENT, COARSE LANGUAGE) FRI 6:40, 9:10; SAT, TUE 1:00, 3:50, 6:40, 9:10; WED 1:00, 3:50
THE HUNGER GAMES: MOCKINGJAY, PART 1 (PG) (NOT REC. FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, VIOLENCE) FRI 6:50, 9:40; SAT, TUE 12:10, 3:25, 6:50, 9:40; WED 12:10, 3:25
EXODUS: GODS AND KINGS 3D (PG) (VIOLENCE, MATURE THEME) FRI, THURS 8:00; SAT, TUE 12:40, 8:00; WED 12:40
THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES (PG) (TOBACCO USE, VIOLENCE, NOT REC. FOR YOUNG CHILDREN) FRI 8:30; SAT, TUE 12:30, 4:00, 8:30; WED 12:30, 4:00
THE HOBBIT: THE BATTLE OF THE FIVE ARMIES 3D (PG) (VIOLENCE, TOBACCO USE, NOT REC. FOR YOUNG CHILDREN) FRI, THURS 6:30, 9:45; SAT, TUE 12:00, 3:15, 6:30, 9:45; WED 12:00, 3:15
EXODUS: GODS AND KINGS (PG) (MATURE THEME, VIOLENCE) SAT-WED 4:10
NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: SECRET OF THE TOMB (PG) (SOME SCARY SCENES) SUN 12:50; MON 9:20
BIG EYES (PG) (LANGUAGE MAY OFFEND, TOBACCO USE) THURS 6:45, 9:40
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Caledon's Jayde Lavoie - staying outside the 'box' in theatre

By Constance Scrafield

The mid-teen years can be a most formative time of our lives.

It certainly seems that this is so for 16-year-old Jayde Lavoie, who plays the part of Susan in Theatre Orangeville's Everything I love about Christmas show.

"The vice-principal at my school (Mayfield Secondary) at first said 'no' to me taking off virtually two months of school this year," she told us.

However, she, her teachers and her parents "worked hard" to bring enough evidence of her ability to cope with the long time off for the show and still deal with the burden of Grade 11.

"Of course," she admitted, "he might have thought it wouldn't work since I am off the next whole semester to go to Europe for three months."

This was, indeed, startling news and very exciting. Along with other students from other countries and their supervisors, Lavoie will travel to France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Greece.

Asked about the trip, she said, "We follow a daily structure. Workout in the mornings; then, according to where we are, there are places to see and activities organized."

"It will be perfect for me," she said. "We're going to so many places — everything there has been there for thousands of years. So, we'll be walking cities or climbing a mountain. So much stimulation all the time."

She won a partial scholarship for the adventure by writing an essay on how it would benefit her, accompanied by her marks and volunteer record. She is clearly thrilled about the prospect of this trip — and, who would not be?

Back to the show and her life to date as an actress. "Last time I worked with pros, I was 13," she commented. "This time, I'm treated like an adult — everyone listens to each other — there's never a dull moment." She added with affection, "Everyone's quirky in their own way."

About theatre as a career, something to which she has always laid claim, Lavoie now remarked, "I'm just a sponge for information. Theatre is what I'm good at, but I'm quite in the dark about what I'll do."

She has fallen in love with the subject of anthropology and who knows what else will come?

We pressed on, however, to ask her what she likes about acting.

"I have always lived on the outskirts in the groups I've known," she replied. "It (the theatre) is a welcoming and fully accepting place. Being in the theatre, I feel

Peel 4-H awards presented

Submitted by Allison French

Peel 4-H hosted their annual Awards Banquet Nov. 21 at Brampton Fairgrounds, an event that was well attended by 4-H families.

The award recipients included Carol Williams — 25 Year Volunteer; Julie French — 48 Project Award; Amelia Judge — 60 Project Award; Nicole French and Harry Hautout — Gaylea Award of Achievement; Kyle Carberry — Bolton Dairy Grand Champion Showman; Nicole Emmerton — Peel 4-H Secretary Award; Julie French — Peel 4-H Media Award; Colin French, Julia Thompson, Amelia Judge, Robert Matson — Peel 4-H / Kiwanis Scholarship Award; and Julie French — Most Involved Senior Member.

The overall top scores in judging competitions were achieved by Justin Piercy — Senior; Robert Matson — Intermediate; Caitlyn Kolb — Junior; and Kayla Emmerton — Novice.

The Peel 4-H Vet Club took the award as Premier 4-H Club.

It was a fun night for all 4-H members and their families. A special thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors who help make Peel 4-H a fun learning experience.

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A new family tradition at Bolton area Monastery

By Lorne Derraugh

Is there such thing as a new tradition?

Traditions have their start somewhere. Did you know that for 11 years, the Sisters of Saint Kosmas Aitolos Greek Orthodox Monastery near Bolton have been inviting the community to their store, The Sisters Touch of Christmas? A perfect seasonal family outing to a magical store snuggled in Bolton's rolling hills!

An enchanting gateway and manicured driveway leads to a quaint building, the first on the left.

The doors open to a storybook shop of old-world charm with stunning displays of floor to ceiling shelves, dazzlingly filled with one-of-a-kind handcrafted gifts and displays; a feast for the eyes. A first glance tells you that you'll never see an exclusive shop like this in any mall and you notice that this is not your typical Christmas bazaar.

Once inside, volunteer associates of the nuns welcome you and introduce you to

Mr. Frosty. If moms, dads, grammas and grandpas can hold back their anticipation of what's to come, everyone may wish to take a selfie with the jolly four foot high snowman.

Then scented candles, joyful music and the thought of yummy treats beckon you onward.

The first of three rooms contains sparkling, singular blown glass tree ornaments painstakingly hand-painted by the sisters themselves. Upon purchase, some ornaments may be personalized for you by the sisters at no additional charge. There are dozens of themed ornaments representing the interests of every family member.

The sisters are well known for their baked items, fruit cakes and gingerbread. The next room has a kitchen attached where they make chocolates and traditional Greek baklava. After sampling some treats you may wish to pick up one of their traditional holiday recipe books, if you have the time and

the inclination to try your hand. But what could be easier than picking out your favourite treats, already wonderfully wrapped in eye catching packaging. Dads may wish try out their seasoned oils made with 100 per cent olive oil while moms check out the beeswax creams, lip balm and soaps made by the sisters themselves. Then the moms can get the dads to meet up with them again at the jewelry section for some helpful suggestions.

Room number three brings us to the children's section; Christmas crafts, Advent calendars, nutcrackers and Santas, all to bring visions of sugar plums to dance in their heads. Unique stocking stuffers abound. The other half of the room is brimming with ideas for accentuating your home's Christmas décor. You'll want to come soon to look over their linens, runners, colourful tablecloths, elegant centre pieces and candles. You'll find angel themes and beautiful nativity scenes with artistically designed mangers and quality

European imported figurines.

All these reasonably priced gifts are presented to reflect the true meaning of Christmas. The monies raised by the Sisters in their Christmas store help them in their initiatives to help others throughout the year. On the wall behind the register are plaques they have received from some of the many various service organizations they have supported.

When you make a purchase you will receive a ballot for a free weekly draw. While you fill it out, the kids can write and post a letter to Santa in the mailbox next to Mr. Frosty.

For timeless Christmas keepsakes, unique children's gifts, the very finest holiday items, tastiest recipes and a unique magical experience the Sisters invite you, your family and friends to start a new tradition. Stop by their shop where you are sure to find the perfect yuletide gift.

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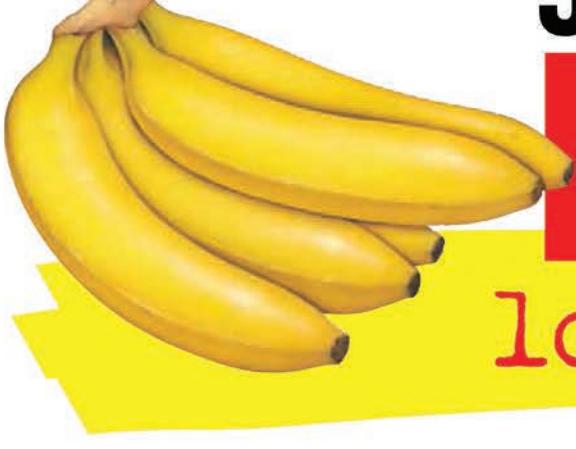
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Lindsay Scheel – she's dancing all the time

By Constance Scrafield

Just as Christopher DuBois, son of famed tenor Mark DuBois, has been singing since he was two or three years old, Lindsay Scheel has been dancing since she was that age.

And dance holds her, heart and soul, for she spends some 20 hours a week practising. By practising, she declares it to be the best fun, of course, but it is also an impressive dedication to her art.

Lindsay plays the role of Gracie in this year's Theatre Orangeville Christmas show, Everything I Love about Christmas at Theatre Orangeville. Gracie is the impish younger sister to her older brother Robbie and sister Susan.

She likes acting too. Two years ago, she was the Sugar Plum Fairy in a Gift to Last, who changed the scenes through Theatre and her own fairy magic, all unspoken but very graceful. (To clarify, last year, in a Snow White Christmas, Peyton Lawrence-Page was the young actor playing the role of the waif who said not a word until the very end of the play when she delivered the final mot juste.)

This year, 11-year-old Lindsay has plenty of dialogue to deliver, which she does without a hitch, and she explained to us what her "strategies" are.

"I don't try to get off book before we have to," she told us. "It's just a matter of doing the whole thing. My mom just read the other parts and I learned my lines until we had to be off book – then, I knew my lines. My mom didn't say the lines like the other actors but it was still helpful to work with her."

Lindsay, whose family lives in Mono's Purple Hill subdivision, also played roles in Young Company's Beauty and the Beast and The Sound of Music.

"I love the people," she responded to our question about how the theatre attracts her. "I love performing on stage. The people — they're just really nice, really welcoming to new people . . . they're just awesome." She made sure we understood that "we all are important – no one has a bigger role than the other."

Dance is the main focus in Lindsay's life and it dominated her comments as well. "I've been studying ballet and jazz since I was two or three. I did gymnastics too for a while but I stopped because I like dance best," she said, outlining her life's story with dancing.

"I am studying at Citrus Dance — they're really nice people. I dance all the time with my best friend. Her name is Samantha but we call her Sam. I just love

it — it's what I do all the time. I dance four hours — five days a week. All my free time, I dance and sing and play with my friend. We're really silly together — that's what makes us best friends."

The serious side to all the hard work is the competitions in which they participate within Citrus as a group, going to various places in the province. She dances ballet, jazz and acro (a combination of acrobatics and dance) in the competitions.

We talked a bit about her ambitions.

"I've always wanted to be a Prima Ballerina," she declared. "To go to a national ballet school."

She has no interest in anything outside of the theatre, be it acting, dance or a combination. Her advice to any young person wanting to dance but maybe not as often as she does is: "Citrus is really awesome. A person can just do recreational dancing. No one has to compete. They love having new people – it's good to do it just for fun."

"When people clap, I feel really good inside," she admitted. "My dad is really funny, so, I get my humour from him."

She told us, "My (considerably older) brother goes for industrial engineering."

Whatever the future may hold, Lindsay is having a wonderful time doing Everything I love about Christmas.

"This show is really delightful. It's about a loving family that wants to sing and have fun on Christmas," was her comment. "People can really get into the ahhh when they watch this show."

Everything I love about Christmas runs until the end of this week, with two final shows Sunday (Dec. 21). For details and tickets, call the Box Office at 519-942-3423 or on line: theatreorangeville.ca

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Family day at the Exchange

at the Exchange, operated by Caledon Community

It was a time for families to do fun things for the holiday season at the Exchange, operated by Caledon Community Services in Bolton recently. Santa Claus was a welcome guest, and he got to meet some of his many friends, like Kiana Tofigh, 10, of Bolton. The activities included crafts. Andie Walker, 6, of Erin was working on her snowman creation.

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Dogs and horses get nothing but the best at Dog Tales

By Mark Pavlons

Helping those who can't help themselves takes some very special qualities.

And those very characteristics are evident in every nook and cranny of a new King Township facility dedicated to rescuing dogs and horses.

Robert Scheinberg and Danielle Eden have launched Dog Tales, following a gala, star-studded celebration Oct. 19 at their property north of Snowball.

Sunday afternoon, the facility was transformed into a red carpet affair, complete with tours, top-notch hospitality and great scenery. Among those taking the stage was Grammy Award nominee Jewel.

The prestigious facility, likely unrivaled by anything in the world, boasts all the comforts of home, the proverbial "dog hotel" if you will. The couple has spared no expense, for the simple reason that four-legged family members deserve to be comfortable.

Ask any dog-lover and they'll likely agree that their best friends deserve nothing but the best.

And that's what Dog Tales offers — the best facility, staff, volunteers and care that any animal could ask for. They are not weekend or part-time philanthropists. They live and breath it because it's their passion.

It shows.

Scheinberg is almost overjoyed when he talks about his rescues and what Dog Tales will strive to become — a family destination where everyone enjoys the great outdoors with their furry companions.

Dog Tales has 82 rooms for dogs, complete with plexiglas facades and chandeliers. The facility is large and spacious and includes a mock living room, which is designed to acclimate the animals, some of whom have never been indoors before.

The 48-acre property has plenty of room to roam and the dogs are also encouraged to socialize with one another.

Scheinberg has spent his life in York, largely in King, Richmond Hill and New-

market and he's happy to "be home."

Since purchasing the property in the spring, there's been a whirlwind of construction on the site, and it has all come together. Eden took the reins when it came to designing all of the buildings and features.

Even before the facility opened, Scheinberg said they received upwards of 300 emails from potential volunteers!

The cause is not new to the duo, and Scheinberg has been involved in animal rescue and related causes for two decades.

The idea for this facility began roughly nine months ago when Scheinberg and Eden wanted to do something "big" and make an impact. They wanted to locate in King and visited dozens of properties before finding the perfect fit on the 19th Sideroad.

The sad reality is cases of animal abuse are still high, both here in Ontario, in Quebec and around the world.

Dog Tales is home to Horse Haven, which offers horses a happy place to spend their final years, along with attention and medical care.

Scheinberg pointed out some 70,000 to 100,000 horses are slaughtered annually in Canada, which has one of the largest horse slaughtering industries in the world. Many thoroughbreds are put down when they break a leg, simply because the cost of care is too much. Horses can live upwards of 40 years, so Scheinberg is more than happy to nurture them back to health and give them a new lease on life. They buy horses at auction to save their lives.

He pointed out that in 2013, 16,000 animal abuse cases were reported to officials.

Just recently, they picked up two Akitas from an elderly hoarder and the dogs hadn't been outside in several years. It took only a month and the two are enjoying life, people and other dogs — just as it's meant to be.

"I wake up every morning with a smile. We love what we do. It's not a job, it's a lifestyle," Scheinberg said.

Dog Tales also works with Let Animals Live, Israel's largest rescue group. The couple has their own gang of four rescue dogs, saved from dire conditions in shelters in Israel.

Scheinberg noted that in Israel, some 100,000 dogs are put down annually at government shelters.

Saving animals is the name of the game, regardless of their country of origin.

"A dog is a dog is a dog," Scheinberg pointed out.

They're also working with the SPCA in Montreal and they've even rescued a horse from Quebec.

Everything they do is intensive to ensure the animals are well taken care of. Even the adoptive families undergo an interview process and visit.

Scheinberg said they currently have eight dogs, but will soon be home to 80. They can handle up to 30 horses as well.

They built everything at Dog Tales from scratch and everything from heating, air conditioning and insulation is top quality. Custom-made beds and surround sound

will welcome the doggie guests.

There's no question the facility is unique and stands out. It reflects Robert's personality and what he expects.

Running an operation like this is a big responsibility. For some animals, particularly the horses, if they aren't adopted, Dog Tales must look after them for the rest of their lives. And paramount is their comfort.

The facility relies on private donations.

For the near future, Dog Tales will hold public adoptions Sundays. Other visits are by appointment.

Dog Tales will stand as a testament to human compassion and a drive for excellence.

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Editorial

Grand juries: Long gone, good riddance

Few Canadians realize that our criminal justice system once included grand juries. Yet visitors to Toronto's old city hall can still find courtrooms with two jury boxes, enough to house the 24 members of a grand jury.

Today, the United States is virtually the only common law jurisdiction in the world that continues to use the grand jury to screen criminal indictments. Under the system, a grand jury may issue an indictment for a crime, also known as a "true bill," only if it finds, based upon the evidence that has been presented to it, that there is "probable cause" to believe that a crime has been committed. According to Wikipedia, while all 50 U.S. states have provisions for grand juries, only half actually employ them, with 22 requiring their use to varying extents.

Unfortunately, two states mandating grand juries are Missouri and New York, the scene of somewhat similar incidents in which unarmed black men were killed by white police officers, only to have charges against them dismissed by a majority of the jurors.

In both cases, there is little doubt that if the incidents had occurred in Canada the police officers would have been charged and face a preliminary hearing at which a judge would determine whether there was sufficient evidence which, if accepted by a properly instructed jury of their peers, could lead to a conviction.

Both systems involve elements of secrecy. In the case of grand juries, everything is supposed to be kept secret and the media cannot attend the hearings. Under Canada's Criminal Code, the proceedings are subject to a temporary ban on publication unless both Crown and defence agree to have the ban lifted, and the bans expire if the judge refuses to commit the accused to trial or after the criminal proceedings conclude.

We may never know why the two U.S. grand juries decided that there was no "probable cause," although it will always be suspected that the case of the Missouri jury was tilted in the officer's favour by the fact nine of the 12 jurors (enough for a verdict) were white.

There are many similarities between the two systems. In both, the prosecutor decides what evidence he or she will adduce, and all witnesses are subject to cross-examination by lawyers for the suspect.

Perhaps the most important difference is that at a preliminary hearing, a judge, properly trained in the law, ultimately makes the decision. He or she has several options; the accused can be committed to trial on some or all of the original charges, or the judge may conclude that the evidence supports committal on a different charge (usually, but not always, a less serious one).

Although both systems usually lead to the suspect facing trial, there have been celebrated exceptions. Perhaps the most famous example of a Canadian suspect who faced murder charges being freed after a preliminary hearing is that of Susan Nelles.

A nurse at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, Nelles faced four counts of murder following a police investigation of multiple alleged poisonings of babies at the hospital between June 1980 and April 1981.

She was exonerated when defence lawyer Austin Cooper was able to establish that she had not been on duty at the time of the four deaths, having swapped shifts with other nurses in the intensive care unit.

Perhaps the biggest difference between the grand jury system and our criminal justice system is that Canadian prosecutors can opt to proceed by direct indictment, in which case they remain compelled, thanks to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to disclose all relevant evidence (both incriminating and exculpatory) to the defence.

Although we don't know what triggered the decision to abolish our grand juries, history has shown it to be a good idea.

Our Readers Write

Hoy ignores the real issue

In yet another attempt to suck and blow at the same time, Claire "Conservative-Good/Liberal-Bad" Hoy insists on singling out black-on-black crime, in his column "A theme unjustified by the facts," (Dec. 4) while simultaneously accusing others of being too eager to play the race card.

Hoy, like so many right wing conservatives, conveniently ignores the real issue: The phenomenal outpouring of racist sentiment and rhetoric, especially in social media, that followed the events in Ferguson.

David Henman,
Bolton

Oil provides many jobs

The new Clean Energy Canada Study, Dec. 2, 2014, claims in their report that in Canada more people are employed by new clean energy than by the oilsands.

They report the number of jobs for clean energy at 23,700 for Canada while the number of jobs in the oilsands which is Alberta only at 22,340. The actual total of jobs for Canada in the oil, gas and nuclear industry is 190,170.

One has to take into consideration that the Clean Energy Canada study is funded by Tides Canada, the anti-oil lobbyist group.

Linda Groundsell,
Bolton

It happened today

People interested in the Watergate scandal of the 1970s spent years trying to puzzle out the identity of Deep Throat, the secret source who provided useful information to Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward.

In May 2005, it was revealed that Deep Throat was retired FBI Associate Director Mark Felt.

Felt died at 95 this day, Dec. 18, 2008.

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Results from last week's poll:

The suspension of NFL player Ray Rice, who was caught on video tape punching his fiance in an elevator and knocking her out, has been ordered lifted. Should he ever play pro football again?

a) Yes



21%

b) No



79%

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think the residents of the Region of Peel should be able to vote for the Regional Chair?

a) Yes

b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!



Preparations are in hand

Is it me, or has Christmas kind of snuck up on us this year?

I know the big day is getting close, and my preparations are sort of well in hand. But I'm also behind the ball on a couple of issues.

As of the start of this writing, I have not yet sent out my Christmas cards. In fact, I just bought them on my way home from work Friday. I also just finished writing my letters to the relations back in the old country (meaning Ireland). My wife was reviewing them as I wrote part of this. I usually try to have that matter taken care of by the beginning of December. Like I stated above, I'm behind on some things.

Yet I know the day is getting close. Beth has already set the radio in our living room to one of those stations that plays nothing but Christmas music this time of year. I have nothing even approaching the necessary guts to get in her way. She is also spent part of the evening watching a TV special with country and western singers performing tunes of the season — I kept my thoughts to myself, with difficulty.

Yet some of the traditions are going exactly as planned. One of them involves some friends of mine who live in Etobicoke. One fellow annually leads a whole gang around the neighbourhood caroling. I used to take part regularly, but I let things slide a bit over the last couple of years (the season is a busy time in the community newspaper trade), but I knew the event was coming up and I told Beth I really wanted to at least put in an appearance this time.

We were a little late arriving, so we had to walk through the neighbourhood, listening for the sounds of various voices trying to sing. It didn't take long to find them, and Beth and I added our voices to the cause. We definitely added to the quantity. In terms of quality, that issue is open to spirited debate. I have sung in many choirs in my life. My participation in them is among the happiest memories of my high school days. I was a good singer in those days, but it has been a long time. My admittedly non-professionally-tuned ear told me I missed a lot of notes I should have nailed Saturday night. No matter, we were in good company, Etobicoke still stands, Mayor John Tory hasn't banished Beth and I from his constituency and we were among good company. There were about two dozen of us singing away, and no one set their dogs on us. In fact, a couple of people rushed to offer us cookies.

Who could ask for more?

My Christmas shopping is under control, but that is really nothing new for me. I actually got off to a late start this year in the shopping department, leaving it until August (I usually start around May).

One of the many advantages of my line of work is I have to attend a number of sales, exhibitions and the like. And since I know I will eventually have to worry about Christmas shopping, I usually have an eye out for ideas. That's what happened at Midnight Madness in Bolton in August, and things have been progressing from there.

There was a time, when I lived within walking distance of one of the major shopping malls, that I would stroll over there if I had time Christmas Eve and entertain myself by watching frantic people trying to get their shopping done. I felt nothing but sanctimonious self-satisfaction at times like that (I do have a bit of a cruel streak, don't I?).

The fact is I do know what it's like to be part of that Christmas Eve festive panic attack. There were lots of times when I would leave the Christmas shopping to

the last minute. My late father used to accuse me of leaving everything to "the last bloody minute."

I kind of got turned off to that practice due to some well-meaning, but rather snide remarks from a clerk at the Eaton's Centre in Toronto. I was actually in Eaton's, which tells you how far back I'm going. It was getting close to closing time Christmas Eve, and I was paying for the last of many purchases of the day.

"He's gettin' ready. I can tell," the clerk loudly remarked. "He's power shoppin'."

Perceptive, wasn't he?

That was one of those "never again" moments. Never again did I leave things to the end.

Don't get the wrong idea. My shopping is not yet done. But it's all down to just a couple of smaller items that I can easily pick up on my rounds.

But I'm still having strange feelings that I'm not ready for this time of year. Like most people, I always look forward to it, but am also mindful that it brings with it a certain amount of stress.

There are decisions to be made.

Beth and I are already in discussion of what kind of Christmas tree to get. In past years, we got a relatively big tree, on the order of six feet in height. I really don't want something that I would need a stool to reach the top. The first year we were married, there was a lot within walking distance from where we were living where trees were being sold. We strolled over there a couple of nights before Christmas, mutually agreeing that since we had very few decorations to put on a tree, we would settle for the smallest one we could find. It didn't take long to find a very small, but passable tree.

"How much?" I asked the guy who was running the lot.

"Twenty-five dollars," he quickly replied.

Then he took the tree from me and shook the excess snow away.

"Fifteen," he said.

You've got to love a guy who haggles with himself. Every time I reflect on that night, I become more convinced it was the best \$15 I ever spent.

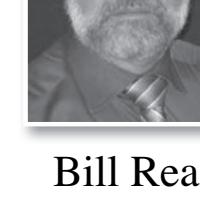
The trees we bought in subsequent years always served our purposes well. Last year, for reasons I don't remember, we got a much smaller tree that was already standing in a pot. We put it on a table, and it answered our needs well too. For one thing, it took up a lot less room, and since we were hosting Christmas dinner in our relatively small home, any saving of space was most welcome. I think or main concern, when it comes to what kind of tree to get is how our cat is going to react to it.

This will be our first Christmas with Ella as part of the family. She's a little more than a year old, and she loves to climb up anything that's climbable, including her lord and master (meaning me). The last thing I want her doing is climbing up a Christmas tree. For one thing, she could cause it to topple, which would create a big mess. And falling Christmas trees could set off the motion detectors on the security system in our house. On the other hand, once she gets on top of things, Ella likes to knock items onto the floor, and that would probably include a small Christmas tree. The issue has yet to be resolved. We're working on it.

We're working on a lot of things. That's the lot facing us at this time of year. And no matter how far behind the schedule I happen to be, I'll find some way to make it work.

If you'll excuse me, I have some Christmas cards to work on.

Bill Rea



Bill Rea

A brief history of Christmas lights as part of the celebrations

Christmas lights are one of the first signs the Christmas season has arrived.

There are countless variations and styles of this beloved Christmas decoration and we all have our own ways of using them to uniquely decorate our homes, businesses and communities. They, without a doubt, enhance our Christmas spirit and remind us of the joy of this special season. It's a Christmas tradition that can be traced back several centuries.

Several sources cite the origins of Christmas lights to as early as the 17th century in Germany, when candles were placed on Christmas trees using melted wax or pins. This custom later spread to Eastern Europe. It has also been said that Christians in Europe would place burning candles in the windows of their homes which could be seen from outside. This was a symbol to other Christians that those residing in the home were Christian and fellow Christians were welcome to visit and worship along with the home's residents.

By the late 19th century, candleholders were used for Christmas candles and the tradition of using candles would remain popular into the early 20th century. It has been said that Thomas Edison gave the world the first electric Christmas light display when he, in 1880, strung his incandescent light bulbs outside his lab, in an effort to draw attention and promote his creation. His associate, Edward Johnson, has been credited with creating the first string of Christmas lights in 1882. He took

a string of 80 small electric light bulbs in red, blue and white, and used them to decorate his Christmas tree in New York, which was placed in the window of his home. By 1890, strings of electric Christmas lights were being mass produced and by 1900, department stores began using them in their own Christmas displays. Such public Christmas light displays became increasingly popular for both retailers and government buildings throughout the United States. Initially, the public was skeptical about electric lights as a safer alternative to candles; however, President Grover Cleveland helped change this perception by displaying the first electrically lit Christmas tree in the White House in 1895, which featured more than 100 multi-coloured bulbs.

The popularity of electric Christmas lights for Christmas trees continued to grow, but the custom was often limited to only the wealthy who would host Christmas tree parties. During this time, most people continued to light their trees with



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candles, as electric lights proved to be too expensive. The trees were lit for only a few minutes at night and just for a couple of days before Christmas, due to fire concerns. Buckets of sand and water were kept on-hand in case of fire.

Several sources cite a teenager by the name of Albert Sadacca for inventing electric Christmas lights safe for home use in 1917. Together with his family, they developed coloured bulbs and by the mid-1920s, the National Outfit Manufacturer's

Association (NOMA) was formed by Albert and his family. The company became the largest Christmas light manufacturer in the world until the mid-1960s. NOMA and its competitors have been credited with making Christmas lights more affordable to more people. By the 1940s and 1950s, more and more people were buying them for their trees and decorating their homes with them. In 1970, the mini light was introduced and has remained a popular choice for Christmas lights.

A great deal has changed since the times of when candles were used as Christmas lights; however, one thing has remained constant – the joy and merriment these long-cherished Christmas decorations bring to the Christmas season. Hopefully you and your loved ones will have the opportunity to view the many outstanding Christmas light displays throughout our own community during the holidays. I also wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

The 'free-range' fallacy

By Lindsae Paterson

When you think free-range, you think of chickens running around the barnyard, pecking for grubs and grass with plenty of fresh air, sunshine and space to roam, right? Well think again.

The term "free-range" simply means that chickens have access to the outdoors, which could be as little as five minutes a day. So-called free-range chickens do not spend their days in a barnyard, nor do they return to a comfortable roost in the coop at night. In most cases, chickens raised for meat are kept in over crowded conditions with limited access to the outdoors.

Consumers looking for healthier protein sources from animals, which have been raised in more humane conditions than industrial poultry factories, are seeking out free-range and paying a premium for it, but are they getting what they are paying for? Unless they are buying from a farm, farmers market or a reliable butcher, they are buying factory-raised chickens simply labeled "free-range."

In Canada, the labels "free-range" and "free-run" aren't regulated at all. Apart from the "open door," no other criteria, such as environmental quality, number of birds or space per bird, are included in the term "free-range." Birds raised for meat may be sold as free-range if they have access to the outdoors. The door may be open for only five minutes a day and the factory still qualifies as free-range."

Chicken is big business. Canada produced more than 980 million kilograms of chicken in 2013, 99 per cent of it factory raised.

"The first thing one needs to know about labels such as 'free-range' and 'free-run,' is that legally, they mean very little," Dr. Charles Olentine, editor of Egg Industry magazine, observed. "There are no laws specifying what these labels constitute, and hence, no third-party certification to ensure that rules are followed. Factories that use the 'free-range' label are simply put on the honour system and expected to regulate themselves."

Even though free-range breeding is not regulated, small-scale farmers are, in that they are limited to a flock of 300.

As consumers are increasingly demanding locally raised chickens who peck at

grass and are reared on sunlight, the country's strict supply management system has made it all but impossible for small-scale farmers to compete with a concentrated number of large-scale chicken producers. If a farmer wants to grow his flock beyond the 300-bird limit, he must purchase a quota; the minimum is 14,000 production units, equivalent to approximately 90,000 chickens per year, at an estimated cost of about \$1.75 million.

"Raising just 300 chickens isn't worth it," Meaford-area farmer Gerald Te Velde said. "For small farms to make chicken a viable enterprise, 300 birds aren't going to do a whole lot. It's hardly a hobby and buying the 14,000 minimum quota just isn't an option. Aside from the financial outlay, that's too many birds for my operation."

Small-scale farmers in Ontario have banded together and formed The Practical Farmers of Ontario. They have launched a campaign to get The Chicken Farmers of Ontario to increase the number of meat chickens farmers can produce annually without quota from 300 to 2,000.

The production limit of 300 birds per year is not economically sustainable for most small, diversified farms. The quota minimum amounting to 90,000-plus birds per year is far beyond what these same farms can afford to purchase or even want to produce. And just how do you go from raising 300 free-range chickens to 90,000 free-range chickens? You don't. So if you want free-range chickens that peck and forage for grass and grubs and are raised in humane conditions, don't pay a premium at the grocery store for so-called free-range chicken, visit a small-scale, local farm.

There are many small-scale, ethical farmers in the Caledon area raising free-range chickens, turkeys, eggs, lamb, beef plus cheese, vegetables and many more products all available for purchase from the farms.

Donnyweir Poultry Farm, Spiritwood Farm, Heatherlea Farm Market and Landman Gardens and Bakery are just a few of the many.

The Eat Local Caledon website has a comprehensive list of small-scale, ethical farmers in the Caledon area.

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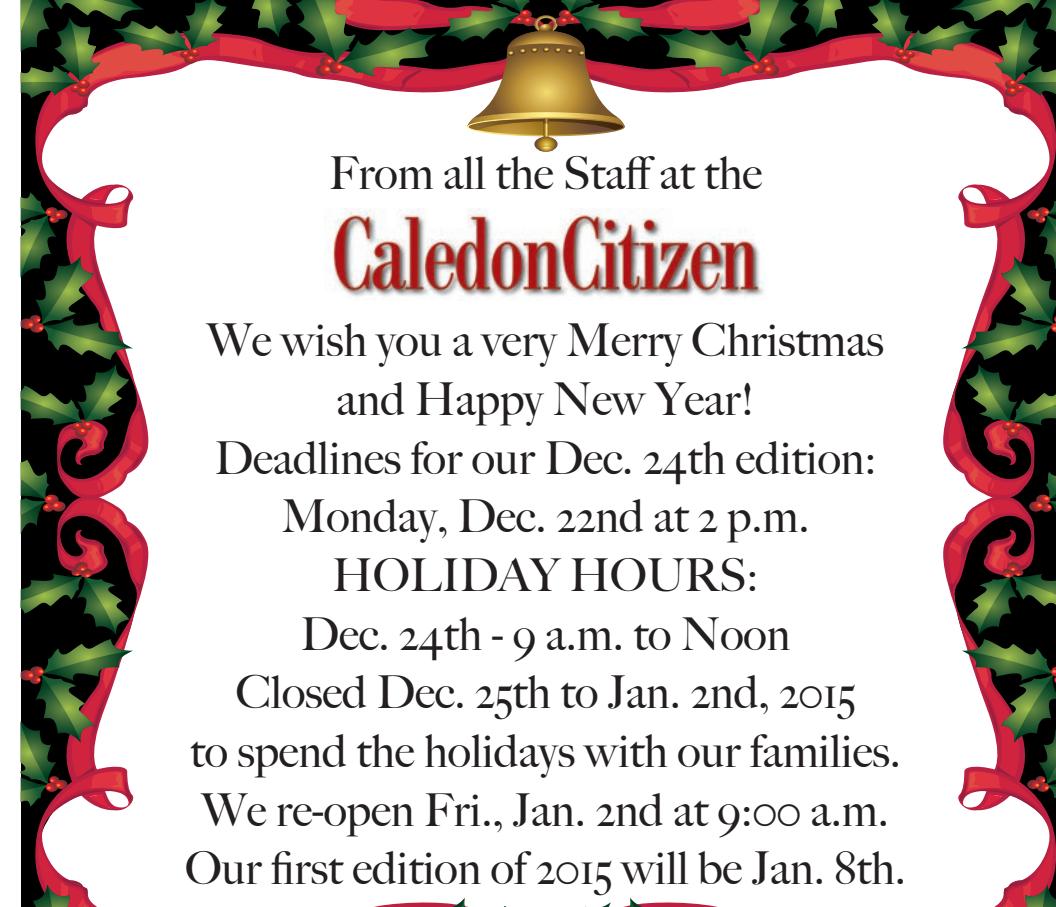
The Peel District School Board has been selected as one of Greater Toronto's Top Employers for 2015.

The announcement was made by Medi-acorp Canada Inc. in a magazine published in the *Globe and Mail* last Monday.

"This is a very prestigious award and we are honoured to be included in a group comprised of outstanding employers across the Greater Toronto Area," commented Director of Education Tony Pontes. "This award reflects the hard

work and ongoing commitment of over 22,000 staff dedicated to inspiring success, confidence and hope in each of our 154,000 students. Our goal is to attract, develop and retain a highly qualified, diverse staff to support student success and this recognition is an important benchmark in our work to achieve that goal."

Pontes and Board Chair Janet McDougald accepted the award at a recognition lunch.



Respecting Private Property Act passes key vote in the legislature



FROM QUEEN'S PARK

Sylvia Jones
MPP Dufferin-Caledon

My private member's bill, Bill 36 the Respecting Private Property Act, passed second reading in the legislature Dec. 4 and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy for further debate and public consultation.

My bill received support from residents and a wide range of stakeholders, including the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Peel Federation of Agriculture.

If enacted, my bill would amend the Trespass to Property Act by creating a minimum fine of \$500 for trespassing and by increasing the maximum compensation for damages to \$25,000. Currently the Trespass to Property Act has no minimum fine for those who trespass, and has a

maximum limit of \$1,000 on compensation for damages.

We cannot expect property owners to be responsible for the bill when trespassers caused the damage. In addition, we cannot allow trespassers to get away without facing a penalty for committing a crime. We need to ensure property owners are fairly compensated for destruction to their property, and we need to signal that trespassing is a serious issue and will not be taken lightly.

I would like to hear your thoughts on Bill 36 the Respecting Private Property Act and would appreciate your support. If you are interested in reading the bill or have any questions, please visit www.sylviajonesmpp.ca

Not perfect, but pretty good



NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Claire Hoy

Now that we're smack into the happiest time of the year, it may be time to actually say something happy.

A reality check, so to speak.

There's an old saw in journalism that if 1,000 airplanes land safely, it's not a story. If one doesn't, it is.

The reasons for this are obvious. If one doesn't land safely it means instant death for a lot of people. And so the media – and many other areas of society – are constantly focussed on what is bad, what went wrong, who did what to whom, etc.

The fact is, nearly 100,000 airplanes land safely every single day in the world. Over the last five years in the U.S., for example, the odds of dying in a plane crash are one in 45 million, much better odds than you enjoy say, putting up your Christmas lights or crossing the street.

In the Canadian context, hardly a day passes – I can't remember a recent one – where the news isn't spilling over with hand-wringing tales of political, economic, social or academic misdeeds of various severity. If all you did was rely on the media for your information, you'd think Canada was a terrible place to live.

It's not perfect, but if you can find a safer, nicer, more civil society in the world – yes, even counting our nasty weather – I'd like to know where it is.

This occurred to me late last week when I chanced upon a double-page spread in, of all places, *The Globe and Mail*, featuring full colour pictures of 13 people, all of whom were among the 50 new Canadians from 34 countries who were sworn in as citizens by Governor-General David Johnston at a special Rideau Hall ceremony.

The Globe asked them all three questions: what does Canada mean to you? What makes you feel at home in Canada? What does it mean for you to be here today?

Their answers to these questions should make us all consider how fortunate we really are as Canadians, something we (me included) tend to forget in the day-to-day passing of our lives.

Venezuelan Karina Redneris, 34, a financial institution manager, said that for her, "Canada means an open door to do

and dream whatever you want to do. It's

expressed similar sentiments. Selina Rahman, 50, said, "We feel welcomed here. We feel accepted, the diversity creating unity." And Nabila Fairuze Rahman, 26, said, "I feel at home in Canada because even though there's a diverse culture here, people are understanding and tolerant, which is very nice."

And so it goes, the view from people from various parts of the globe, people who have the advantage of looking at Canada when compared to the society they came from, people who are proud and happy and yes, honored, to now call themselves Canadian.

Or, as the governor-general put it, "Canadian citizenship is valued the world over, and with good reason. This is a society that values equality of opportunity and excellence, and that sees diversity as a virtue rather than a weakness. In Canada, inclusiveness is a key value, which means every Canadian citizen should have the opportunity to help shape this country for the better, regardless of background or ethnicity."

As we said, it ain't perfect, but it's pretty good, something it wouldn't hurt for all Canadians to keep in mind as they celebrate Christmas – or whatever else – over the next few weeks.

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Candy Cane Fair at Headwaters

One of the traditional kick-offs of the holiday season took place recently at Headwaters health Care Centre. The Auxiliary held its 26th annual Candy Cane Fair, with lots of entertainment and fun. The Bells of Westminster were performing the music of the season inside the doors of the hospital.

Photos by Bill Rea



Santa Claus was on hand to meet his many friends, including Tyson Windrim, 5, of Orangeville.

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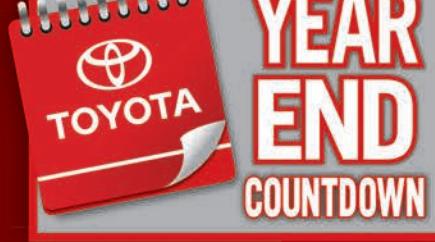


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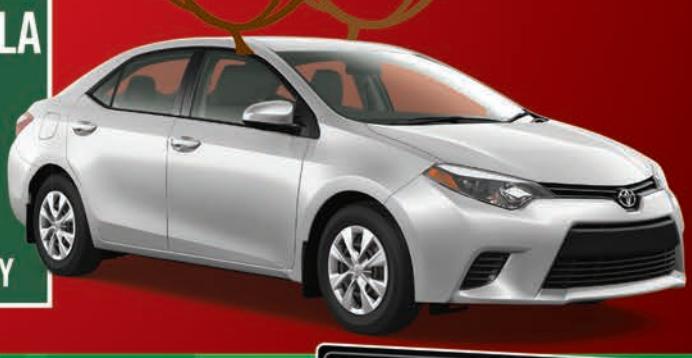


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Golden Hawks thwart Siskins comeback in shootout victory

By Jake Courtepatte

It was the first trip of the season to Stayner for the Junior C Caledon Golden Hawks last Thursday, in a game where late defensive breakdowns almost led to their third-straight loss.

The Hawks have struggled on the road this season, heading into the game without a road victory in more than two months.

Meanwhile, the Siskins have been red hot over the past month, winning 11 of their last 12 games en route to second place in the GMOHL.

Derek Czech opened the scoring for the Hawks with his seventh of the season just a few minutes in, which was quickly matched by the Siskin offence.

Czech led a strong offensive push to start the second period, assisting on goals by both Ryan Mouser and Ben Ardis.

Captain Cody Forgione made it 4-1 with his second of the season just past the halfway point of the game.

It was all James Cyfko from then until the end of the frame, making stop after stop while trying to preserve the three-goal cushion.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, he would break not once but twice in the final minute of the period, as Stayner's top goal scorer Quinten Bruce beat him twice to cut the lead to just one.

With momentum on their side, the Sis-

kins dominated the third period, tying the game on a five-minute power play after Forgione was sent off for a hit from behind.

The Hawks held on until the end of regulation to secure a point behind Cyfko's solid backstopping, despite being outshot 44-24.

Overtime solved nothing, sending the Hawks to their first shootout of the season.

After the first Siskin shooter was stopped by Cyfko, Czech's hot hands put Caledon ahead by one.

Stayner's second attempt missed the net, putting the game on the stick of sniper Christian Bonaldi, who made no mistake to give the Golden Hawks the 5-4 victory.

The Midland Flyers team that came to Caledon East Arena Sunday was no longer a league basement-dweller, but rather a team moving up the standings to just five points behind the Hawks.

While the home team put up a strong offensive start, leading 3-1 in the second on goals by Mouser, Steven Klomp, and Nicholas McNutt, Cyfko just could not replicate his solid goaltending from the previous game.

Midland scored four goals in just over nine minutes in the second, prompting Sam Procopio to replace Cyfko in the net.

Procopio let in three of his own in the third period in an eventual 8-3 loss.

Although maintaining sixth spot in the

GMOHL standings, the Golden Hawks are closer to the bottom than they are to the leaders. Only four points separates Caledon and last-place Erin Shamrocks.

They will look to improve their road record with a crucial rematch with Midland Saturday.

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Golden Hawk Ryan Mouser battles down low for the puck with Flyer Jon Goldsworthy during last Sunday's 8-3 loss.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



MAYFIELD TAKES ROPSSAA CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP

Mayfield Secondary School's cross-country team did their school proud recently at ROPSSAA. The midget girls' team are the new ROPSSAA champions. The team was lead by Lindsay Appleton in fourth after a bad fall, Kennedy Rawding in fifth, followed by Shana Flynn, Eden Senior and Madeleine Leclerc. Megan Wallace was the sixth place finisher on this team. These six girls qualified to compete at OFSAA at Waterloo and ended up 18th. James Cromack placed third in the very fast junior boys' division and went on to place a strong 38th at OFSAA as an individual in this division.

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The 16-year-old is a centre for the varsity hockey team, which split the first two games of the season. He's been pretty productive too, contributing six goals and five assists. He also played last year for the varsity baseball team as short stop and second base. In the community, he plays AAA hockey in the Brampton 45s organization and he used to play AAA baseball for the Brampton Royals. The Grade 11 student lives in Cheltenham with his parents Mike and Kim Molella.

The Grade 12 student is captain of the varsity hockey team, on which he plays defence. The squad won their first game. "We're looking forward to going to OFSAA," he said. He also plans to play outdoor lacrosse in the spring. In the community, he plays rep hockey for the Orangeville Flyers and junior B lacrosse for the Orangeville Northmen. The 17-year-old lives in the Caledon village area with his parents Perry and Kathleen Dominey.

The 14-year-old is a right winger for the junior boys' hockey team, which has opened its season with a 4-1-1 record. He's contributed one goal and seven assists. He's thinking about playing badminton at school in the spring. In the community, he plays AAA hockey in the Toronto Red Wings organization and he used to play soccer. The Grade 9 student lives in Bolton with his parents Juliet and Tom Hill.

The Grade 12 student has been showing his prowess as a singles table tennis player, and he's suffered just one loss in six large matches. He's also involved in training for the alpine skiing team, and is also planning to play volleyball and rugby. Away from school, he skis and plays in the Peel Selects volleyball organization. The 17-year-old lives in Bolton with his parents Kim Howard and Bruce Voogel.

Several teams open seasons with wins

By Gabi Best

November was filled with tryouts and exhibition games for the Robert F. Hall Wolf Pack teams.

All the teams finished with wins in their season home-openers.

Things started with the varsity girls' hockey team travelling to the Hershey Centre Dec. 2 to play Saint Francis Xavier. The girls were anxious to play together and begin another great season; having won all but one of their games last year and making it to OFSAA in Sudbury. The goal the girls set this year is to play an undefeated season, which is a tall task, but they had a great first game to start it off. The girls came out strong and scored five goals in the first period and went on to win the game 6-0. The girls demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the game. Goals were scored by Kayla Godin, Lindsey Smith, Brittney Gout, Karley Kitson and two from Sarah Power. Isabel Sawicki earned player of the game honours for making great plays. Good luck to the girls in their game against St. Marcellinus.

The junior boys' basketball team hosted the Mayfield Mavericks Dec. 3, and it proved to be an exciting game. First-game jitters were evident as both teams had a number of turnovers, but Hall kept it together and came out on top with a 45-35 victory. Aidan Kirkham poured in 13 points, Jeriah Valladares scored 12, Grady Brennan got six and Daryl Oduwole scored six as well. Grady Brennan earned player of the game honours with his six

points, four rebounds and one steal during the game and showed great leadership throughout the match. Mr. Warrian is very proud of how the boys played in their first game and looks forward to their two upcoming games against Castle Brook Dragons and Sandalwood Sabres.

Last year, the boys' varsity hockey team made it to the bronze medal game at OFSAA and they appear to be in similar form this season. The team has lost several key players due to Grade 12 graduation. The boys travelled to their away

game against D'Youville and brought home a 4-1 win. Joseph D'Amico played amazing in net, only letting one goal in. And a great defensive effort highlighted by the play of Scott Dominey and Travis Mailhot on the back end. Goals were scored by Michael Prescott, Brayden Davis and rookie Noah DoPaco who also received player of the game honours. Assists were tallied by Alex Currie, Scott Dominey, Christian Hauck and Quinton Davis.

To complete the week, the varsity girls' volleyball team hosted Castle Brook and

won every set with scores of 25-16, 25-17 and 15-9. The girls have found their chemistry and are having a great time supporting each other and winning together. The team travelled to a tournament and an exhibition game before the season to prepare for the competition. Mrs. Knappich says "the girls have some pretty stiff competition coming up . . . but I am sure we can keep up with the challenge."

Player of the game honours were awarded to Vivian Foulong for helping the team achieve this big first win.

Curlers play cold turkey to celebrate Christmas

By Shellee Morning
King Curling Club

What do turkeys and curling have in common? Nothing, except when there's a Turkey Shoot.

For a little extra fun (and we all know curlers do have their fun) the Friday night curling league added a Turkey Shoot to their Christmas curling party. The object of the game is to curl your rock closest to the bird to win. Of course, there is curling strategy even when trying to hit a turkey. Each player planned their shot for that ultimate rock placement with either a draw behind the turkey in hopes the next hit would send the bird towards their stone, or just hitting it into another time zone creating a "zig-zag" effect. No sweeping and no skip holding the broom for the target, just simple curling strategy. The ice conditions were fast and the laughter loud as each member threw their rock, sending the turkey in multiple directions across the rink. Never will you see a turkey spin out of control on ice delivering a great amount of pleasure to all. Anyone watching from the side lines would be in wonderment over the sea of rocks with one frozen ButterBall pinned in between them all.

Once all the rocks are thrown a measurement is required determining the closest stone.

Winner of the early draw shoot was Kyle Barber after an excellent come around that benefitted from another shooter's hit wicking the bird and spinning it beside his rock.

The late draw turkey shoot resulted in some very finesse "turkey raises" and "bird bump-ups." Sheila McKenzie was the second draw winner after her rock ricocheted off another stopping just in time to

sit two feet from the turkey.

The spirited evening was completed with a five-end jitney format game and a Pot Luck table with more food than you can possibly imagine. The Friday league is now set to close the first half of the season with their playoff games scheduled for next week. Skips will be hoping their players arrive with their A-game as the final round of curling for 2014 is expected to be electrifying. Good luck and Good curling to all of the club's Social League's playoff round.

NOVICE AA HAWKS VISIT EXCHANGE

Members of the Caledon Hawks novice AA team recently received a lesson in something other than hockey. The team spent an evening at the Exchange in Bolton, getting some insights in the work being done there, and learning about why the Hawks for Hunger event really helps out the Exchange with the generosity of the Caledon hockey community. The players received a tour of the facility and got to participate in various activities that keep the Exchange running, such as sorting and storing food items.

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Caledon Councillor Nick deBoer and Trustee Stan Cameron, Caledon's representative on the Peel District School Board, were on hand Saturday to meet Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones and Progressive Conservative Leadership contender Christine Elliott.

Photo by Bill Rea

Christine Elliott outlines her vision

By Bill Rea

Christine Elliott has the backing of Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones in her bid to be the next leader of the Ontario Progressive Conservative party.

Jones showed her support for Elliott Saturday by hosting a meet-and-greet session in Orangeville.

Jones commented on the respect Elliott has gained from members of the Tory caucus at Queen's park, adding she already has several MPPs lined up.

Elliott said she has the backing of 10 of her caucus colleagues, as well as former premier Bill Davis, who spoke at the launch of her campaign.

"I'm offering experienced leadership," Elliott commented, citing her eight years as an elected official, on top of her years running a law firm prior to that in partnership with her late husband Jim Flaherty.

She also cited her life experiences, including the raising of three 23-year-old sons.

"Youth unemployment is one of the most serious issues we're facing right now," she remarked. "We don't want to lose a whole generation of young people."

Jones commented she's worked on two select committees with Elliott.

"I've seen her being able to work with people from all over Ontario," she remarked, adding she gets along well with

representatives from all parties. "I want a leader who can work with people and then communicate our policies."

Elliott commented that things are going well in her campaign so far, as she works to get all over the province.

"I'm having a great experience," she said. "It is important to connect with people and talk about my vision for the province.

That vision includes the need to be fiscally responsible. Elliott said she's concerned that the government is running a \$12.5 billion deficit, as well as the fact the Provincial debt is likely to be in the order of \$325 billion by 2018.

She said carrying that debt limits the government's ability to invest in things like health care and education.

Elliott also stressed the importance of creating conditions that will attract businesses to invest in Ontario, while backing up small and medium-sized businesses. It's businesses that are needed to provide jobs for the students when they finish post-secondary school.

She added once that is done, attention can be paid to being "socially compassionate."

Elliott added that's an important part of her vision.

She said the Liberals like to talk about compassion, but added there's nothing compassionate about shouldering the next generation with crushing debt.

Volunteer MBC celebrates International Volunteer Day

The Region of Peel community was invited to join in on the celebration of International Volunteer Day (IVD) at Volunteer MBC's Annual Holiday Open House Dec. 5.

IVD, as declared by the United Nations General Assembly, is a day that celebrates the efforts of those who have made an important contribution to society by giving their time as volunteers. It is this day that Volunteer MBC acknowledges the support received from their volunteers who help deliver the centre's various programs and services to the community.

"We are very grateful to the over 400 volunteers who generously give their time, talents and skills to our centre this year," said Volunteer MBC's Executive Director Carine Strong. "Our volunteers help out in various capacities, including reaching out and connecting volunteers to over 185 member community service organizations; by assisting us with our community outreach; as well as by providing support with our day-to-day operations. Without the incredible support of so many volunteers, we simply would not be able to deliver our mission. Thank you so very much!"

This year's event theme was "Show us 'you care,'" which also served as the launch of Volunteer MBC's Holiday Giving Campaign. During the event, guests were provided with the opportunity to place bids during a silent auction which featured various unique items and gifts for all ages. Proceeds raised from the auction supports the Volunteer Centre.

Special thanks goes to all of the volunteers who supported the planning and coordination of the event, including the centre's event sponsor Scotiabank — Orangeville, who generously matched all donations raised at the event. In total, more than \$6,000 was raised, which will be used to support Volunteer MBC's Training Centre for Service Excellence to provide training for Volunteer Engagement Professionals, volunteers and support youth leadership programming.

Other supporters of the event included Andrew "Drew" Lie (guitarist/singer); Brampton Guardian; City of Brampton; Husky Injection Molding Systems; the Mohawk Inn and Convention Centre; Rogers TV Peel; the ROSE Theatre; RBC Royal Bank — County Court; SLICK Solutions; Snapd Brampton; T by Daniel; and The WORKS Gourmet Burger Bistro — Brampton.

"Over the past six years, Volunteer MBC has grown significantly," said Volunteer MBC's Board President Arno Illic. "But as demand for the Volunteer Centre's services has grown, sadly our resources have not. As

the 'Season of Giving' approaches, we kindly ask the community to consider how important it is to support those who help others give by making a donation to Volunteer MBC."

"We have all been touched by the caring hands of volunteers and it would be impossible to imagine what it would be like if we were not able to continue our work to support the community with volunteers," Strong added.



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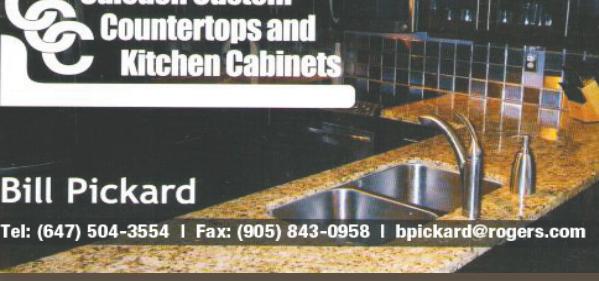
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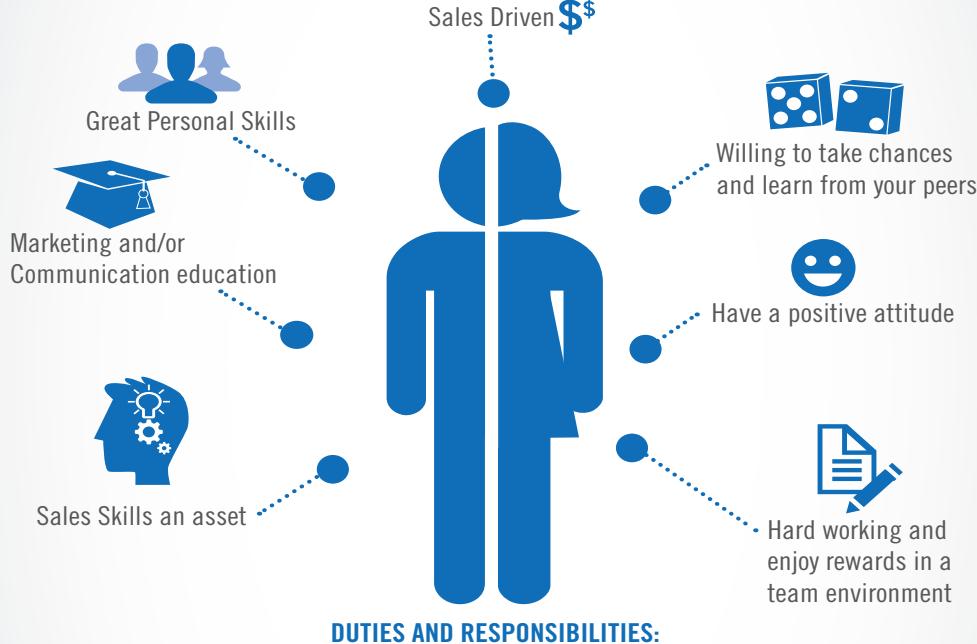
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